

Wilman Wadandi Highway (the Bunbury Outer Ring Road project)

PROJECT UPDATE

October 2024

This project update contains information regarding the current and future works taking place, recent events, and other business-related news on the Wilman Wadandi Highway (the Bunbury Outer Ring Road project), including the latest figures in spend and committed spend with local and Aboriginal businesses. Information within this update is current as of October 2024 and is subject to change. For the most recent updates available, visit the Main Roads website or the Wilman Wadandi Highway (Bunbury Outer Ring Road Project) Community Facebook Group.



Construction update

The Wilman Wadandi Highway (the Bunbury Outer Ring Road project) has entered its final stages of construction and is preparing to open to traffic on 16 December 2024.

In early October, it was announced that the project will be named the Wilman Wadandi Highway once opened. The name honours the Wilman and Wadandi people, who have historically occupied the lands at either end of the project. Since February 2021, extensive consultation on the name has been underway with the project's Aboriginal Heritage Advisory Group, Local Government Authorities, the Noongar Language Centre and Landgate. Names play an important role in identifying the place, its stories and the history that surrounds it. Additionally, through this process, Aboriginal names for sections of the Collie, Preston and Ferguson Rivers have been

identified and names have also been allocated for four local bridges within the project. Find out more information about the new names [here](#).



Directional signage on the Wilman Wadandi Highway

The Paris Road and Clifton Road interchange is nearly complete, with a section of the bridge now open to traffic when Paris Road reopens.

At the Collie River bridges, the structures' construction is substantially finished, allowing for the final approach earthworks and pavement works to progress.

Additionally, a maintenance access path and stairs have been installed.

Two key roadworks switches have also occurred recently, which has allowed our team to continue construction near high traffic areas. Firstly, Lillydale Road between Roselea Court and South Western Highway has been temporarily closed to allow construction of the new roundabout which intersects Lillydale Road, South Western Highway (south) and Willinge Drive. A detour is in place via a new section of the Bunbury Outer Ring Road.

Secondly, a small section of Discovery Road has been closed and a temporary diversion is in place on South Western Highway (north), with traffic signals in place to guide traffic through the one lane section.



Construction continues at the South Western Highway (north) interchange

As the project nears completion, there will be an increased number of traffic changes and road opening announcements. Make sure you are subscribed to our [mailing list](#) and are in our [Facebook group](#) to get all the latest information.

Discover the Wilman Wadandi Highway.

The opening of the Wilman Wadandi Highway in on 16 December 2024 will mark a transformative moment for the South West region of Western Australia. This major infrastructure project enables road users to avoid 13 sets

of traffic lights and a rail level crossing between Bussell Highway and Forrest Highway and significantly improves freight efficiency by redirecting trucks from local roads. It enhances safety for all road users and reduces local congestion, providing more reliable journey times. In addition, you can expect travel time savings between the north and south of Bunbury, of around 11 to 18 minutes depending on your destination and traffic conditions.

To prepare for the opening of the highway we are hosting several community drop-in sessions where you can explore the new 'virtual' road network. The drop-in session times and locations are listed below.

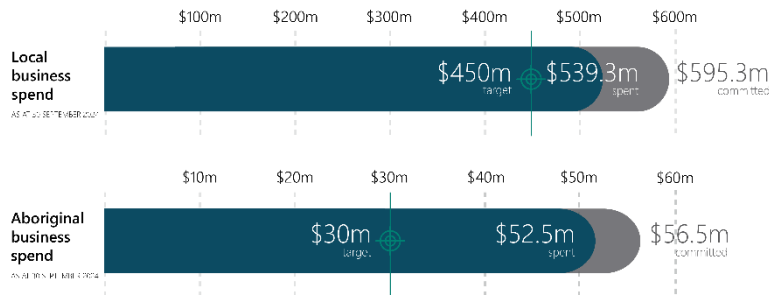
To find out more about the drop-in sessions please visit [Wilman Wadandi Highway | Main Roads Western Australia](#).

Date	Time	Location
Saturday 26 October 2024	8:30am – 5pm	The Brunswick Show Brunswick Showgrounds
Saturday 16 November 2024	10am – 2pm	Spudshed Paris Road, Australind
Saturday 23 November 2024	10am – 2pm	Bunbury Forum Sandridge Road, East Bunbury
Saturday 30 November 2024	10am – 2pm	Ampol Southbound Forrest Highway, West Pinjarra
Thursday 5 December 2024	3pm – 7pm	Eaton Fair Shopping Centre 2 Recreation Drive, Eaton
Saturday 7 December 2024	10am – 2pm	South West Sports Centre 1 Rotary Drive, Withers

Local and Aboriginal business spend update

As of 30 September 2024, the project has committed to spend \$539.3 million with local businesses and has an actual spend of \$595.3 million. The project's target spend of \$450 million was surpassed in April 2024.

\$56.5 million in spend has been committed to Aboriginal businesses with \$52.5 million spent to date. The project's target spend with Aboriginal businesses was \$30 million.



What's been happening on the project

Check out our latest stories from the project.

Final two bridges cement their place on BORR

The Preston River Bridge and the Five Mile Brook Bridge now have deck slabs, marking the final two deck pours on the BORR project.

[Click here to learn about this exciting project milestone.](#)



16 Yaka Dandjoo graduates complete their civil construction apprenticeship

16 Yaka Dandjoo graduates have successfully completed their Certificate III in Civil Construction (Mobile Operations) apprenticeships - a testament to their unwavering commitment and perseverance throughout their journey into employment.

[Read all about their journey here.](#)



The art of the road: paving the way with urban design

As construction enters its final stages, the projects' urban design is coming to life across the project.

[Click here to get updated on the artworks.](#)



For more information on the Wilman Wadandi Highway (the Bunbury Outer Ring Road project)

If you have any questions, please contact **138 138** or email enquiries@mainroads.wa.gov.au.